

STANFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9 MAY 2018

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Colledge was duly elected Chair (proposed by Cllr Horner, seconded by Cllr Maddox) carried unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE Cllr Colledge signed an acceptance of office to serve for the year to May 2019.

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR Cllr Bebbington (proposed by Cllr Colledge, seconded by Cllr Horner) carried unanimously. Cllr Bebbington agreed to serve for the year to May 2019.

3 PRESENT: Cllrs: Geoff Colledge; Peter Bebbington; Peter Maddox; Graham Horner; Clerk Mrs Dorothy Bultitude, 8 parishioners

4 APOLOGIES Cllr David Keating; Cllr Ms S Carey; Cllr Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee, (both attending other meetings; Alison Morris.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

6 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 March 2018 having been circulated previously, were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES The work being carried out by Eleclink in the village was raised: there had been no complaints, relations between the PC and Eleclink were very good and the work was behind schedule but otherwise progressing satisfactorily.

8 PARISH QUESTIONS There were none.

9 PLANNING

9.1 Update on FHDC decisions

9.2 To consider Council's response to applications received since the last Meeting;

Y18/0116/SH 3 Railway Cottages, Stone Street, Westenhanger: erection of single storey rear extension, loft conversion etc: Cllrs voted unanimously to approve the application.

Y18/0348/SH Hayward House, Kennett Lane, Stanford: Erection of a detached dwelling and associated landscaping, together with erection of detached double garage for existing house: Cllrs voted unanimously to approve the application.

Y18/0481/SH Land at Barnstormers, Stone Street, Stanford, erection of garage: Cllrs voted unanimously to approve the application.

9.3 LORRY PARK update:

The Parish Council was still awaiting a decision from Highways England. The Chair had spoken to John Kerner who confirmed that he would advise as soon as he could on any areas that would affect the Stanford area if there were any. He understands the blight on our area. HE may be close to putting on another public consultation.

9.4 OTTERPOOL GARDEN TOWN

Cllrs had been invited to attend meetings at FHDC to discuss the project and this information would be mentioned in the Chair's report at the coming Annual Village Meeting. Cllrs felt unable to take a stance when FHDC change their plans so frequently and could not vote for/against until constructive plans are produced. FHDC have no public approval for the scheme, but they say they do have that approval. Cllr Colledge assured the Meeting that SPC Cllrs have the best interests of the Village at heart. Cllr Bebbington asked if the Clerk could enquire of Cllr Susan Carey how many houses are scheduled to be built in Kent. Mrs Bultitude agreed to contact Ms Carey.

Cllr Horner said he had no sense of whether villagers were generally for or against the plans for Otterpool Garden Town. Nobody appeared to be 'up in arms'. The Chair said he had requested a meeting at FHDC and also 'one to one' meetings with those residents who would be most affected by the plan. Monthly meetings had been arranged and Councillors would be meeting with FHDC and also with Farrell's design team. It was understood that planning permission would be applied for by the end of the year. Cllr Colledge re-iterated that SPC would continue to challenge the plans and would keep residents updated by means of Newsletters and Website posts.

10 FINANCE

The Clerk submitted the internally audited Accounts for year ending 31 March 2018. These were approved unanimously and signed by the Chair.

The Chair asked that in future years all Councillors can have a sight of accounts for scrutiny at least 2 weeks prior to the AGM.

11 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT 12 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Carey and Cllr Hollingsbee had sent reports to the Clerk by email and these were read out by the Chair:

FHDC Core Strategy Review: a reminder that comments needed to be submitted by 18 May. A further consultation would be carried out towards the end of the year when comments submitted now will be assessed and the plan adjusted accordingly should this be required.

A Roman Villa had been found within the Otterpool Garden Town area and the masterplan would be adjusted to accommodate this.

A Public Exhibition by FHDC is to be held at Westenhanger Castle on Wednesday 20 June, 2 pm to 8 pm.

KCC A £7.5m programme to fill the potholes had started. Steadline Ltd had been awarded the contract for repairs in this district and the Ashford district. Repairs were expected to be ongoing till the end of the summer and maybe beyond. From 1 March to 4 May 907 potholes had been filled in and 1976 m2 of road patched in Folkestone and Hythe District. Potholes can be reported through www.kent.gov.uk or on 03000 41 41 41.

13 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Grass mowing in the village was due to commence during May, and would be carried out as in previous years by Countrywide Grounds Maintenance. The Clerk said she had asked them to include the area around the Gateway (right hand side at entry to Westenhanger) in their schedule. They had agreed to do this and would do it for £60 including VAT on an ad hoc basis on request. Cllr Bebbington was keen to ask Holiday Extras to mow the area for the Council. After discussion, a decision was taken by a show of hands (3:1) against that proposal.

GDPR Cllr Horner was continuing to work towards ensuring that SPC is compliant with the new regulations. He said it appears the Council will need to register with the ICO, which ought to be done by 25 May. He was still in discussion with other Parish Councils and would produce a plan of action for the Clerk and Councillors.

14 VILLAGE HALL No member of the Village Hall Committee was present. It was hoped that Alistair Holt would attend the Annual Village Meeting on 16 May. Many questions/concerns still remain – nothing had been forthcoming over the past 12 months.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Speeding through the Village** was still a concern for some residents. Cllr Colledge confirmed that this was not in the remit of our PCSO unless an accident occurred caused by bad parking on the road/pavement. One opinion expressed was that it was nigh impossible for large lorries to drive at excess speeds simply because on-road parking made it difficult to manoeuvre safely around them without slowing down.
- HGVs driving through the village to Holt's Yew Tree Farm Weighbridge were still a problem: Cllr Maddox agreed to contact David Holt about the COLAS lorries.
- Some cars driven along Stone Street were perceived to be exceeding the speed limit of 30mph. Discussion continued and possible solutions put forward. Cllr Colledge agreed to contact Speedwatch Kent. The Clerk agreed to check with KALC regarding the legality of CCTV cameras for checking speeding vehicles. Other proposals for encouraging vehicles to drive safely at the speed limit were discussed.
- **Core Strategy Review**
- The Clerk said that responses to the FHDC Core Strategy Review were due by 18 May. Cllr Colledge said he would prepare the Council's response and would ensure that this deadline was met.
- It was noted that Kennett Lane was closed due to works by ElecLink. This had caused problems with waste collections for some residents. Cllr Horner said he would keep in touch with FHDC regarding the situation.

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Notices of this would be placed on both Notice Boards and on the Website

16 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11 July at 6.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.06 hrs.

Signed Chair

Cllr Geoff Colledge 11 July 2018